

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 100

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A RESOLUTION to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rotary International and recognize those estimable Rotary clubs of Wilson County.

WHEREAS, service organizations have a rich history of benevolence, serve a vital role in society, and are a testament to the virtues of integrity and compassion; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois, is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations; and

WHEREAS, there are over 1.2 million Rotary members in over 31,000 clubs in 166 countries; and

WHEREAS, the Lebanon Afternoon Rotary was organized on November 14, 1921, chartered on December 1, 1921, and officially installed on December 28, 1921; and

WHEREAS, Wilson County's other Rotary clubs were organized in the late 1980's; the Lebanon Breakfast Rotary was formed in 1988 and chartered in 1989 and the Mt. Juliet Rotary was formed in 1988 and chartered in 1989; and

WHEREAS, today, there are 214 dedicated Rotary members in Wilson County, including 94 members of the Lebanon Afternoon Rotary, 47 members of the Lebanon Breakfast Rotary, and 73 members of the Mt. Juliet Rotary; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, live by high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary funds individual club projects and sponsors volunteers with community expertise to provide medical supplies, health care, clean water, food production, job training, and education to millions in need, particularly in developing countries; and

WHEREAS, in 1985 Rotary International launched Polio Plus and spearheaded efforts with the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF to immunize the children of the world against polio; and

WHEREAS, polio cases have dropped by 99 percent since 1988 and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International is the world's largest privately-funded source of international scholarships and promotes international understanding through exchange programs and humanitarian grants; and

WHEREAS, more than 35,000 students from 110 countries have studied abroad since 1947 as Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars; and

WHEREAS, Rotary's Group Study Exchange program has helped more than 46,000 young professionals explore their career fields in other countries; and

WHEREAS, 8,000 secondary-school students each year experience life in another country through Rotary's Youth Exchange Program; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly hereby encourages citizens of the State of Tennessee to join in this recognition and celebration of 100 years of Rotary International and the integral role Rotary plays in addressing such issues as poverty, health, hunger, and illiteracy in their local communities and abroad; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly desires to seize this golden opportunity to honor and recognize the Lebanon Afternoon Rotary, the Lebanon Breakfast Rotary, the Mt. Juliet Rotary, and each Rotary Club throughout this great State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rotary International and commend the members of the Lebanon Afternoon Rotary, the Lebanon Breakfast Rotary, and the Mt. Juliet Rotary for their tireless public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.